

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 Canceled

9. (currently amended) A method for stimulating erythropoiesis comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a composition comprising a mammalian thrombopoietin protein of at least 323 amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a protein comprising the sequence of amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 4 from amino acid residue 45 to amino acid residue 379; and

(b) a protein comprising a sequence of amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 from amino acid residue 1 to residue 353; and

(c) a protein comprising the sequence of amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 from amino acid residue 22 to residue 353.

~~species homologs of (a)~~ wherein said thrombopoietin protein stimulates proliferation or differentiation of myeloid or lymphoid progenitors, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle in an amount sufficient to produce an increase in proliferation or differentiation of erythroid cells.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said mammal has a hemoglobin level of less than 11 gm/100 ml of blood.

11. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said mammal has a hematocrit of less than 30%.

12. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said mammal has a reticulocyte count of less 0.8%.

13. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein said mammal has been treated with radiation or chemotherapy.

14. (Canceled)

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16. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein 1.0×10^5 to 100×10^5 units TPO/kg/day is administered to said mammal.

17. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein 1.2 lg/kg/day to 114 lg TPO/kg/day is administered to said mammal.

18. (currently amended) A method for stimulating erythropoiesis comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a composition comprising an erythropoietin protein and a composition comprising a mammalian thrombopoietin protein of at least 323 amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a protein comprising the sequence of amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 4 from amino acid residue 45 to amino acid residue 379; and

(b) a protein comprising a sequence of amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 from amino acid residue 1 to residue 353; and

(c) a protein comprising the sequence of amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 from amino acid residue 22 to residue 353,

~~species homologs of (a)~~ wherein said thrombopoietin protein stimulates proliferation or differentiation of myeloid or lymphoid progenitors, and erythropoietin, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle in an amount sufficient to produce an increase in proliferation or differentiation of erythroid cells.

19. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein said mammal has a hemoglobin level of less than 11 gm/100 ml of blood.

20. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein said mammal has a hematocrit of less than 30%.

21. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein said mammal has a reticulocyte count of less than 0.8%.

22. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein said mammal has been treated with radiation or chemotherapy.

23. (Canceled)

24. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein the EPO is human EPO.

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26. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein 1.0×10^5 to 100×10^5 units TPO/kg/day and 1 to 150 units EPO/kg/day are administered to said mammal.

27. (original) The method of claim 18, wherein 1.2 lg/kg/day to 114 lg TPO/kg/day and 1 to 150 units EPO/kg/day are administered to said mammal.

28. (currently amended) A method for stimulating erythropoiesis comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a composition comprising an erythropoietin protein and a composition comprising a mammalian thrombopoietin protein of at least 323 amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a protein comprising the sequence of amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 4 from amino acid residue 45 to amino acid residue 379; and

(b) a protein comprising a sequence of amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 from amino acid residue 1 to residue 353; and

(c) a protein comprising the sequence of amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 from amino acid residue 22 to residue 353.

~~species homologs of (a)~~ wherein said thrombopoietin protein stimulates the proliferation or differentiation of myeloid or lymphoid progenitors, and erythropoietin, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, in an amount sufficient for increasing reticulocyte counts at least 2-fold over baseline reticulocyte counts within fourteen days.

29. (currently amended) A method for stimulating erythropoiesis comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a composition comprising a mammalian thrombopoietin protein of at least 323 amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a protein comprising the sequence of amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 4 from amino acid residue 45 to amino acid residue 379; and

(b) a protein comprising a sequence of amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 from amino acid residue 1 to residue 353; and

(c) a protein comprising the sequence of amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 from amino acid residue 22 to residue 353,

~~species-homologs of (a)~~ wherein said thrombopoietin protein stimulates proliferation or differentiation of myeloid or lymphoid progenitors, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle, in an amount sufficient for increasing reticulocyte counts at least 2-fold over baseline reticulocyte counts within fourteen days.

30. (currently amended) A method for stimulating erythropoiesis comprising administering to a patient in need thereof a composition comprising a mammalian thrombopoietin protein of at least 323 amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a protein comprising the sequence of amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 4 from amino acid residue 45 to amino acid residue 379; ~~and~~

(b) a protein comprising a sequence of amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 from amino acid residue 1 to residue 353; and

(c) a protein comprising the sequence of amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 from amino acid residue 22 to residue 353, wherein said thrombopoietin ~~protein~~ proteins stimulates proliferation or differentiation of myeloid or lymphoid progenitors, and erythropoietin, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle in an amount sufficient for increasing reticulocyte counts at least 2-fold over baseline reticulocyte counts and platelet levels to at least 20,000/mm³ within fourteen days.

31. (currently amended) A method for stimulating erythropoiesis comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a composition comprising a mammalian thrombopoietin protein of at least 323 amino acid residues selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a protein comprising the sequence of amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 4 from amino acid residue 45 to amino acid residue 379; ~~and~~

(b) a protein comprising a sequence of amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 from amino acid residue 1 to residue 353; and

(c) a protein comprising the sequence of amino acids shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 from amino acid residue 22 to residue 353, wherein said thrombopoietin protein stimulates proliferation or differentiation of myeloid or lymphoid progenitors, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable vehicle in an amount sufficient for increasing reticulocyte counts at least 2-fold over baseline reticulocyte counts and platelet levels to at least 20,000/mm³ within fourteen days.--